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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO EANES VISIT ARAB BOYCOTT OF RECEPETION

1. INITIAL MADRID PRESS REACTION TO THE VISIT OF PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT EANES HAS BEEN FAVORABLE AND EXTENSIVE. ALTHOUGH NATURALLY OVERSHADOWED BY THE BEGINNING (TODAY) OF THE SPANISH ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN OF THE DAILIES.

INDEPENDENT LIBERAL "EL PAIS" RAN THE HEADLINE

" SPAIN AND PORTUGAL WILL COOPERATE TOWARDS ACHIEVING A

"SPAIN AND PORTUGAL WILL COOPERATE TOWARDS ACHIEVING A UNITED EUROPE."

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JUAN CARLOS AND EANES DIFFERENT STORIES" A REFERENCE TO THE DIFFERENT PATHS BY WHICH THE TWO NATIONS HAVE GONE FROM DICTATORSHIP TO DEMOCRACY(

CONSERVATIVE "ABC" ALSO EMPHASIZED THE THEME OF CHANGE WITH THE HEADLINE "AN IBERIAN RE ENCOUNTER". MODERATE "INFORMACIONES" HEADLINED "SPAIN AND

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CATHOLIC LIBERAL "YA" RAN A MATTER OF FACT

STORY UNDER THE HEADLINE "THE PRESIDENT OF PORTUGAL.

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2. PRESIDENT EANES REFERRED, IN HIS SPEECH DURING THE FORMAL DINNER GIVEN IN HIS HONOR LAST NIGHT AT THE ORIENTE PALACE, TO POSSIBLE "COMPLEMENTARY ACTIONS. OF SPAIN AND PORTUGAL ON THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND NATO. IN REPLY JUAN CARLOS REFERRED IN GENERAL TERMS TO THE TWO NATIONS, COMMON DEISRE FOR THE "THE IDEAL OF A

UNITED EUROPE".

3. THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE ARAB AMBASSADORS HERE (APPARENTLY AS A RESULT OF AN ARAB LEAGUE DECISION) WOULD BOYCOTT A RECEPTION BY EANES TONIGHT AT THE PORTUGUESE EMBASSY BECAUSE OF THE PORTUGUESE DECISION TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATION WITH ISRAEL.

4. PRESS REPORTS HAVE JUST QUOTED THE EGYPTIAN PRESS ATTACHE TO THE SAME EFFECT.STABLER

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